



H.R. 3913 – To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3913 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) on October 22, 2007. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the bill by voice vote on January 16, 2008.

H.R. 3913 is expected to be considered on the House floor on January 28, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The property affected by this bill is located in Washington, DC, and is currently leased by Intelsat, a commercial satellite communications services provider. Intelsat was originally established as an intergovernmental consortium. The international organization, however, was privatized in 2001. According to its website, Intelsat is the largest provider of fixed satellite services in the world. Intelsat has leased the property at the International Chancery Center since 1982.

SUMMARY

The bill allows private entities to lease or sublease certain federal property at the International Chancery Center, which is administered by the Department of State. Under current law, only foreign governments and international organizations are allowed to lease property at the ICC. The bill provides the Secretary of State with the right to approve the occupant and the intended use of the property.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that H.R. 3913 “would have no effect on the federal budget.” ([CBO Estimate: H.R. 3913](#))

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